

**La Canada Spartan Booster
Directors Meeting Agenda
August 21, 2019**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:32am

II. SCHOOL REPORTS

Superintendent – Wendy Sinnette

The school year is off to a great start. We are committed to a two-fold approach of high performing, rigorous academics and making sure they are learning additional skills such as empathy, inclusion, diversity and wellness.

- Staff had 3 hour training on social/emotional learning. Staff also had sessions on professional development.
- 7th grade has 35 new students – 4150 student enrollment throughout the district.
- 7th and 8th grade are “busting at the seams” so the district scheduled some additional courses to keep class sizes at the right level
- District office accomplished over 20 certificated new hires over the summer.
- Big dig is moving along and the district is happy about some milestones. Pushed for diesel emissions checking going. District is pushing to real time air monitoring installed. Will allow for Carnal and Gold to know whether the air has gotten to an unhealthy level for some or all of the students.

Jeremy Millbrodt asks Sinnette about air monitoring numbers. Sinnette says the county reports are hard to read so the school will create its own daily reporting and will be creating categories of air quality around the school. Categories will be Green/Yellow/Red. Green is good. Yellow is unhealthy for some and Red is unhealthy for all. School will be looking at possible cancellations of sporting events in the event of a Red reading.

They have been monitoring on a daily basis and there have been a couple of “exceedences” but for the most part there have not been any ongoing air quality issues. Real time monitoring that the school is putting in will allow for reading on a day-to-day basis.

School Board – Brent Kuszyk

Brent is the new board rep for Boosters.

- Very busy summer with a lot of focus on the bond projects at all the schools. Palm Crest sewers have been hooked up.
- Notes the board has been involved in the hiring of new teachers and staff throughout the summer. This is all part of the LCAP funding.
- Kuszyk noted that hiring is just the first step, the district also needs to work to train and retain the employees.
- Board negotiated a partnership with YMCA – free membership for all teachers. Board has worked to show appreciation for CSCA members, including financial remuneration for the

employee of the year. CSCA is the union that represents the staff at all the schools (not teachers). All staff has been invited to an event at Los Gringos next week.

Jeremy moves on to introductions of all the board members. All board members introduced themselves and noted their children, their years in school and activities.

Jeremy speaks to the importance of the Booster Liaisons to each of the programs at the school. Job includes helping the programs access the funds in their ASB accounts. Many of the new coaches don't know how to do it.

High School - Principal – Jim Cartnal

- Sam Finder is the new Physics teacher at the school, a couple of new staff members. Notes that the staff is static/consistent.
- Right after graduation an Oak tree fell near the back of the property which demanded an assessment of all the trees, so a tree in front of school was taken out.
- Shade structure is set up to create places for kids to eat.
- Seating part of the cafeteria is close to being completed but it won't be ready until October for full service.
- Band room has opened up after a summer of work, also work on the Oak Grove parking lot.
- Looking forward to south campus renovations (pool).
- Central initiative at the high school – increase School Spirit. Cartnal makes a pitch for Spartan Gear – kids wear them on Fridays for the assemblies.
- Also makes a pitch for the September 6 tailgate – celebration of all fall sports.

Question from Booster: some teachers are giving extra credit for wearing Spartan gear on Friday. Cartnal agreed to share with that faculty.

7/8 Principal - Jarrett Gold

- His office has moved. All the 7/8 offices are together and easier to access through the back door.
- Two new teachers in the 7/8 level
- Due to the high numbers, two new classes have been added.
- High increase in the number of kids taking academic classes in 6th period. 7/8 has added an English class as well as an 8th grade history teacher.
- Mrs. Saks will pick up two PE classes in addition to being Athletic Director.
- Introduced an Elective Wheel in 8th grade. There are three elective choices and students get to pick 2.
- Stagecraft, medical biology and speech and debate are the three classes.
- The Wheel in 7th grade now includes five electives, including a new newspaper course available to students.
- First dance was scheduled for September 12 and has been moved to October 17 at 5:15pm. All dependent on the completion of the cafeteria. If cafeteria not completed by then the dance will be held on the outdoor basketball courts.

- Challenge Success – A team will be headed to Stanford this year for retraining and reinforce the philosophy around it. Social/emotional learning continues to be a focus.
- Sports tryout announcements will be coming soon.

High School – Assistant Principal - Kristina Kalb

- Starts with school spirit. Today is jersey day.
- Class by class assemblies held last Friday – ASB, school spirit, off-campus Homecoming dance, no more Winter Formal. Both dances had low attendance so they chose one. Also spoke about the school rules including attendance and phone usage.
- Kalb in charge of grades 9 and 12 for discipline. Jason Ito is in charge of 10th and 11th grades.
- New ASB advisor, Sarah Beattie.
- Security: two additional part-time aids on campus. To ensure safety the school hired Jamal Blackwood to work along with Tanya and Byron and fourth security officer is coming once he/she is cleared. There will be four security officers during the lunch period.
- Positive Coaching Alliance – kicked off training this week with coaches last Monday. School Culture is another priority for LCHS and that was covered in the training session. Parents will receive a PCA presentation right before back-to-school night.
- Kalb notes that there is a shortage of football officials throughout the district so games dates and times are being moved.

High School - Athletic Director – D.R. Moreland

- Volleyball has already played some games and has started off well.
- Football starts up this week with an away game against Wilson on Thursday night (8/22)
- Due to the shortage of officials please pay attention to the schedule as it changes.
- Water Polo and Tennis are getting started.
- Varsity Football game tomorrow night at Wilson High in Hacienda Heights. 2nd game on Saturday, at home against Glendale on Saturday August 31.

7/8 – Athletic Director – Carrie Saks – not present.

FINANCE REPORT –Randy Scoville

- Total raised \$312,000 last year. Includes memberships, sponsorships, raffle, paddle pledge and silent auctions. Boosters provide \$270k in grants.
- \$57,500 cash on hand at the end of the year. Part of that total includes money that we have committed to pay to purchase canopies and to upgrade the website

Jeremy Milbrodt: Survey Monkey poll determined that we would keep meetings at 6:30 a.m. and do one big fund-raiser in the Fall. The Boosters voted to eliminate the winter fund raising event. So there is a big focus on Boostoberfest/Boosterfest.

BOOSTOBERFEST REPORT - Tricia Delany

- Leah Dilbeck says events and/or experiences are desired for Silent Auction items – as they do well. Asking the Boosters to think about what you may own or create for sale. Idea is to something fun with friends and organize a group to agree to buy-in.
- Each Booster director is expected to donate a silent auction item.
- We need everyone to sign up to do something involving BoosterFest.

BOOSTER RAFFLE REPORT – Josh Cohen

- Last year more than \$60,000 was raised.
- In the beginning of September we will distribute tickets into the hands of the organizations for sale.
- Every penny goes to the organization that sells the ticket.
- Recommend that orgs make a list of items that are needed and use those as the reason for selling tickets.
- Liaisons need to get the lists from each of the programs to start sending notes to families/parents to first join boosters and sell raffle tickets.
- Made a pitch for the Winter and Spring sports early because the coaches won't be involved yet.
- Cohen makes a request for help – 3 or 4 nights early in September and counting the money in late October.
- Remember that the coaches do not always do a good job of encouraging ticket sales. Booster Liaisons need to help to make it happen.

SPARTAN TAILGATE REPORT – Wendy Nussbaum/Tina Connell

- Jeremy Milbrodt mentions that Boosters will have a table at the Tailgate to recruit Boosters. Please come and help to recruit.
- Wendy and Tina are organizing in conjunction with PTSA. Wendy says volunteers have already been secured and notes that VIP Parking will not be available.
- The Tailgate is being held in the same place as last year near the South entrance to the Stadium.
- September 6, 2019 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chris Clarkson

- The website needed an upgrade because it wasn't functional on a mobile device.
- Updates bring it up to 21st century.
- Email blast was sent out earlier in the week -- please check your email to make sure you got it. Please contact Chris if the email was not received.
- Clarkson mentions he needs more photos of student activities for the website.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS – Jack MacKenzie

- A couple of early commitments to Sponsorship
- Updated the Sponsor benefits in the off season
- PSI and Verdugo Hills have already committed
- MacKenzie mentions the goal this year is \$25,000 after raising \$20,000 last year
- Deadline for Corporate Sponsorships is September 20 so that banners can be made in time for the Fall sports and activities.

MEMBERSHIP - Brad Lew

- Most money comes from membership. Our goal is to get people at the \$400 level because that includes Boosterfest as well as Sports passes. Brad mentions that we have added some items as incentives for high levels of Membership. Brad explain the various levels of program contribution at various contribution levels.

BOOSTER RESTAURANT NIGHTS – Jason Melillo

- Panda Express, Habit, Blaze, Honeybird and Chipotle are the restaurant for this year.
- Will send out list of dates available.

III. Meeting ADJOURNED AT 7:31

IV. Tour of the Wellness Center

V. Next Booster Director Meeting – Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30 a.m.